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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR:	<b>YUICHI TAGUCHI</b>
FOR:	<b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORAGE NETWORK MANAGEMENT</b>

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 17 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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